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ORIGIN OF MILL FIRE UNSOLVED

Sheriff and District Attorneys Office Investigate Circumstances of Midnight Blaze.

WATER SUPPLY IS BLAMED

Severe Criticism By Property Holders on Apparent Lack of Fire Protection—May Take Some Action.

An investigation into the circumstances surrounding the destruction by fire last Saturday morning of the plant of the Niles Planing Mill has been commenced by Sheriff Frank Barnett and District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes. It is also understood that the insurance companies interested have employed a man to investigate for their information.

Persistent rumors that the fire was of an incendiary origin were current about the streets of Niles during the week, but to the time of going to press no direct charges have been made.

Deputy Sheriff Wales was in Niles Wednesday, and spent considerable time questioning minority stockholders regarding their knowledge of the plant. He did not give out his deductions.

E. R. Smith, adjuster for the insurance company also looked over the ground the same day. He contented himself with remarking that the plant was a total loss and left for Oakland shortly afterward.

The theory of incendiarism is not held by the officials of the corporate holding stock in the mill. They claim that there was no motive for such a crime. They state that no one of them had any enemy seeking for revenge, and point out the fact that while the insurance was only \$4500, the amount of loss was more than \$10,000.

E. R. Ellsworth, secretary of the corporation stated Thursday that the insurance money would be used to satisfy the many claims against the corporation, which it is feared is in excess of the amount of insurance.

The rumor that the water pipes were stopped up has not been verified. Mr. Ellsworth stated that there was some trouble about getting as much water as was needed through so small a main as that laid in the streets.

There is considerable talk of some of the stockholders attempting to raise funds with which to commence operations again.

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed by property owners on the lack of protection afforded them by the water system. It has been asserted by those in a position to know that at the fire of Saturday last there was not sufficient pressure to fill the hose, and that the full pressure did not come on until after the mill had been consumed.

Attention was drawn to the fact that if a fire should get headway in one of the business blocks up town, with such water service as is said to have been on at the mill fire, nothing could save the entire business section of Niles.

Property holders claim that inasmuch as they are paying for fire protection they want it, and it is not at all improbable that an effort will be made by the business men to find out why such pressure was lacking.

MUST PAY FINE TO MOTHER

Manuel Maderos, Convicted of Speeding, Must Give His Mother \$25 or Go to Jail.

Justice of the Peace Jno. G. Mattos of Centerville was again called upon to act the part of Solomon last Monday when Manuel Maderos, an employee of a Hayward garage appeared before him on a charge of speeding. Maderos is known as a "speed burner," and is said to have boasted that "no speed cop would catch him."

In spite of his boast he was haled before Justice Mattos on Monday. After hearing the case, it was learned that the young man was earning small wages and part of his earnings went to his mother for board. The judge decided that a fine would work a

hardship upon Mrs. Maderos, who is dependent upon her son.

Mattos, desiring to protect the woman, yet determined that her son must obey the law, delivered the ultimatum to Manuel that he must appear before the court Monday next and give satisfactory proof that he had made his mother a New Years present of \$25, the usual fine for speeding, or the court would issue a commitment. Thus Manuel is punished and the mother is not subjected to hardship.

J. Perry, blacksmith of Niles, was convicted and fined \$25 by Justice Mattos last Monday for using vulgar and obscene language.

John Brack, H. Barker and G. C. Reis each paid a fine of \$25 for speeding last week. They were convicted in the justice court at Centerville.

A warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Mattos Wednesday, charging Antonio Amaral of Alvarado with disturbing the peace. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable M. Oliveira for service.

STRANGER STRANDED.

Bernardo Cabral, a Portuguese Boy, Routed Wrong Finds Friends and Relatives in Niles.

Headed for San Luis Obispo, but having in his possession a ticket to Newark, Bernardo J. Cabral, a native of Santa Maria, Portugal, was stranded in Niles last Saturday night.

Cabral is unable to speak any language except Portuguese, and according to his story told fellow countrymen here, he purchased a ticket in New York for San Luis Obispo. Leaving New York with about \$5 and accompanied by three other Portuguese he started west. The other two men were routed to San Francisco and Alameda. Cabral's ticket reading Newark he was transferred from the Western Pacific at Niles.

When he was taken in charge by J. D. Witterly, a barber, when his predicament was discovered, after failing to receive an answer addressed to the stranger's father at San Luis Obispo. Perry found friends of the man here and also learned that he had a grandfather at Mission San Jose. The relative was communicated with and the following day Cabral was taken to the Mission.

He is unable to explain how or when he became the possessor of the ticket to Newark.

SEVENTY DAYS AS VAG.

Paul Waddell Consigned to Hotel Barnett for Frightening the Family of T. D. Witterly.

Paul Waddell, a disreputable-looking character of the genus hobo, who bore every evidence of being addicted to narcotics or some other vicious habit that affected his mind, was sentenced to 70 days in the county jail by Justice of the Peace John G. Mattos of Centerville on Wednesday morning. Waddell was arrested by Constable Frank Rose and charged with vagrancy on telephonic complaint of T. D. Witterly of Irvington.

Waddell entered the home of Witterly shortly after 5 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon without announcing himself and proceeded to the fireplace where he was warming himself when Mr. Witterly was summoned by the women folks who had become frightened at his actions. Witterly kicked the intruder out. From the Witterly home Waddell went to the house of a neighbor where he repeated his actions, according to the testimony adduced.

In view of the evidence and his actions before the court, the severe sentence for vagrancy was imposed to allow the authorities to observe him or to look up his past.

Waddell was suffering from a complication of "seam squirrels" and the "walking rash," and from appearances it would seem that it would be advisable for the new management of the Hotel de Rose-Soito to undergo a thorough disinfecting in order to provide for the accommodation of possible future guests.

Inventory of Lumber Plant.

The big plant of the Newark Lumber company at Newark is busy taking its annual inventory. This mill has been doing big business for the past year, and it is expected by the management that the coming year will bring a still greater increase.

MOTOR OFFICER DIED SATURDAY

Harry Green Passes Away at Hayward Hospital One Week After Accident.

SKULL WAS FRACTURED

Many Friends Accompany the Body to Oakland Crematory, Where F. V. Jones Conducts Funeral Services.

Motorcycle Patrolman Harry Green of Niles, who sustained a fracture of the skull when his motorcycle crashed into a gravel pile near Hayward Saturday night, December 19, died at the Billings Hospital in Hayward late on the night of the 26th.

From the first but little hope was entertained for Green's recovery. An operation was performed Christmas day in the hope of relieving pressure on the brain, but it proved of no avail. The body was held at the undertaking parlors in Hayward until Tuesday when it was conveyed to Oakland Crematory for final disposition in accordance with Greens oft expressed wish.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. V. Jones, an old friend of the family and former pastor of the Niles Congregational church.

Besides friends and relatives from Oakland and Berkeley among whom were his fellow motor officers, District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes, and Supervisor D. J. Murphy there were in attendance at the funeral from Niles J. E. Jacobus, Frank Rose, P. A. Ellis, O. E. Walpert, J. A. Silva, William Moore and wife, C. E. Martenstein and wife and Robert and Maryson. Music was rendered consisting of violinello, accompanied by the organ and a vocal solo, under direction of Ashley Tyson, cellist. A beautiful piece from the district attorney's office was among the floral offerings.

Harry Green was born in Redwood City in September, 1880. His father, George W. Green was sheriff of San Mateo county for some time, and met his death in the performance of his duty.

Mr. Green came to Niles when but a lad and grew up in this locality. He was graduated from the local schools and attended the state university in Berkeley.

About a year ago he was appointed motor patrolman of this district and was charged with the duty of making the roads safe for pedestrians and vehicles. How well he succeeded in the performance of his duty is best known to those who have had occasion to travel on his beat.

Mr. Green leaves a widow, Mrs. Fern E. Green; three children, Harry Jr., Marshall and Morrison; and his mother, Mrs. W. H. Tyson, to mourn his untimely death.

A manly man, to whom no friend ever turned in vain, a good provider and loving husband and father, a dutiful son and a friend to all was Harry Green. In extending its sympathy to the bereaved family, The Press feels that in the life of Harry Green a lesson may be learned that will not be lost upon those who knew and loved him.

Miss Selbie Entertains.

Miss Evelyn Selbie, the popular member of the Essanay company entertained the members of the company at her ranch on New Year's eve. Miss Selbie is noted for the manner in which she entertains her guests and all who were present report a good time.

O. E. S. Installs Officers.

On Wednesday evening at the Masonic Temple at Centerville the new officers of the Order of the Eastern Star were installed by Past Worshipful Grand Patron Darling. The officers are Miss Nancy McKown, worthy matron, Mrs. Etta Biddle, assistant matron, Mrs. E. L. Tyson, secretary, Mrs. Anna Hansen, treasurer; Mrs. Clara May, condutress; Mrs. Harry Seales, assistant conductor; Miss Grace Ellis, Adah; Mrs. Belle Hawley, Ruth; Mrs. Alida Babb, Esther; Mrs. B. C. Mickle, Martha; Mrs.

E. Mueller, Electa; Mrs. C. L. Emerson, warder; Henry May, sentinel; Mr. Hartman, worthy patron; Mrs. R. O. Moyer, organist and Dr. Ormsby, chaplain. There were a number of visiting members from Livermore and Pleasanton.

Mrs. Darling, of San Francisco rendered vocal and instrumental music for the occasion to the great enjoyment of all.

A banquet was served after the business was concluded.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

Inmates of Masonic Institution Entertained and Received Many Useful Presents.

Residents and employees of the Masonic Home at Decoto were treated to a Christmas celebration on the eve of the eventful day. The exercises took place in the assembly hall which were appropriately decorated with holiday colors.

Old Santa was there and he was unusually lavish with his gifts. Each resident received a package containing ten useful gifts, and later Superintendent F. B. Hartman presented each inmate with a check for \$7.50.

Motion pictures were shown and all voted the occasion one of the merriest of Christmas days for a long time.

New Garage to Be Built.

W. H. Champion has made arrangements for the construction of a garage in the rear of the Wesley Hotel. Mr. Champion has associated with him his son, who is a skilled mechanic.

The building will have a concrete front and modern machinery is to be installed. Mr. Champion has taken this step with an eye to the future. He expects that during this year the number of automobiles passing down the new highway will be enormous, and he proposes by good service and efficient work to capture his share of their patronage. The erection of this garage is but another evidence of the growing importance of Niles.

JENS JACOBSEN DIES.

Pioneer of Claveras Passed Away at Home of J. S. Leal at Irvington.

Jens Jacobsen, familiarly known as "Jin" died at the home of J. S. Leal in Irvington Thursday morning. Mr. Jacobson was 73 years of age. He came to California in the 70's and for many years followed the occupation of rancher along the Alameda creek. He left large holdings there.

Deceased was a native of Denmark, and a bachelor. So far as could be learned he leaves no relatives.

Funeral services will be held today from the home of J. F. Leal at Irvington and the body will be buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at that place.

Church Notes.

Trinity Church, Niles. Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m.

St. James Church, Centerville. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. Special music. 'Cello solo by Ashley Tyson and vocal solo with cello obligato by Mrs. J. A. Bunting, Jr.

Services at Corpus Christi.

New Years services were held in Corpus Christi church, Niles yesterday. The sermon was in Portuguese and was delivered by Rev. Father John M. Leal. Sunday at 7:30 p. m. there will be a service consisting of Rosary, sermon and benediction. "The evening services of the church," says Father Leal, "have been drawing large congregations."

On Tuesday next a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of the soul of Eddie Roderick.

TAILOR TO BUILD.

D. Baronda Erecting New Building on Main Street, Adjoining Garage.

D. Baronda the Niles tailor has begun work on the construction of a building adjoining the garage of Mr. Olivera. Mr. Baronda intends to use the building for his business which has grown to such a size that larger and more commodious quarters are required.

Returns From South.

George MacRae of Niles returned to his home after a business trip in the south.

MURPHY MEETS WOMAN'S CLUB

No Conclusion Reached Regarding Moving the Branch County Jail.

CROSSINGS ARE DISCUSSED

Supervisor Believes County Will Pay for Crossings if Property Owners Will Pave the Main Street.

Supervisor Murphy of this district met the executive committee of the Niles Woman's club Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mayhew for the purpose of discussing with the ladies some contemplated civic changes. Mr. Murphy was to have been in Niles a week or so ago, but a business engagement prevented him from keeping his appointment.

In regard to the proposition of the club that the county take care of the crossings at ends of the lateral streets on the main state highway in Niles Mr. Murphy was of the opinion that this would be done if the property owners would build the road in front of their properties on the highway.

Several propositions ament the moving of the township jail were presented, but no conclusion was reached at the meeting. The Women's club is to take up this matter more fully later.

Among other matters taken up were the widening of the road from the Niles to the Centerville road, the control of the high-power wires of the Pacific Gas and Electric company at Niles, the opening of Second street to county road, the sanitary care of alleys, the care of garbage and the securing of a dumping grounds for

Country Club to Meet.

The Country Club will hold its next regular meeting at the club house in Centerville on Tuesday, January 5th. Mr. Moyer will give a talk on the amalgamation of the races and Mrs. J. R. Case will render a couple of solos.

The board meeting will be held on Monday, the 4th.

Sneden in Fire.

When M. B. Sneden, the Niles druggist, and his wife entered the MacDonough theater in Oakland Christmas night they little thought that a fire would be burning part of the building when they left. Defective wiring in the entrance caused considerable smoke, quite a display of pyrotechnics and no little excitement, but there was no panic.

WATER CO. TO IMPROVE.

Citizens' Water Company Plans to Increase Size of Pipes on Second Street.

That the Citizens Water Company is contemplating the improvement of its system on Second street, Niles, is the statement given out by E. A. Ellsworth secretary of the company and one of the heaviest stockholders in the concern.

It is the intention of the company, according to its secretary, to enlarge the size of its pipes on Second street as far as the Mortimer tract. The present pipes are three inches in diameter and these will be taken up and replaced by six-inch pipes. The cost of the improvements is estimated at between \$600 and \$800.

BRICK YARD MAN HURT.

Peter Perry Sustains Broken Leg on Monday—Is Protected by Compensation Act.

Peter Perry, an employee of the California Brick Company, met with an accident at the plant of the company near Niles Monday, which resulted in the breaking of his leg just above the ankle.

Perry was working in the clay pit when a body of clay became dislodged from the bank and fell on him. His cries brought fellow workmen to his aid. Dr. Hanly of Decoto was summoned by the officers of the company to attend the injured man. Later Perry was removed to the Merritt Hospital, Oakland, from whence late

reports are that he is resting easy.

The injured man, like all other employees of the brick concern, is protected by the State Workmen's Compensation Act.

Chinese Girl Visits In Niles.

Miss Jennie Gee, the six-year-old daughter of Gee On, prominent in the Chinese Six Companies of San Francisco, is the guest this week of Mrs. George MacRae at her home in Niles. The little oriental miss is quite a favorite in this locality. She will remain with Mrs. MacRae until school opens.

SHINN WEDDING JAN. 6.

Miss Ruth Shinn to be Quietly Married at Home of Grandmother Next Wednesday.

The date for the wedding of Miss Ruth Shinn has been set for Wednesday, January 6th. The affair will be a quiet home wedding and will take place at the home of Mrs. L. E. Shinn the bride-to-be's grandmother.

Rev. F. H. Maar of Oakland will perform the ceremony.

OFFERED RIGHT OF WAY.

Arthur and William Curtner Will Donate Land for Road From Calaveras Valley to Milpitas.

Messrs. Arthur and William Curtner of Warm Springs have offered the counties of Alameda and Santa Clara a right-of-way for a new road from the Calaveras valley road near Milpitas across their ranch to the Mission San Jose road near the Stanford ranch.

Surveyors at Work.

Cyril Williams, civil engineer of the Alameda County Water District has a corps of surveyors at work in the township who are doing work for the district. There are five men in the party under the charge of Mr. Jamison.

ORATORIO SHOWN AGAIN.

First Production Was So Successful that Amoral Campas Will Give Second Presentation.

The presentation of the oratorio of the Nativity at Maple Hall, Irvington last Saturday night was so successful that Campas Amoral, the producer, has been persuaded to give a second presentation of the oratorio at the same place tonight. In spite of the rain the hall was packed and many were disappointed in not obtaining seats.

PORTUGUESE TO DANCE.

Grand Ball to Be Given Under Joint Auspices of the U. P. E. C. and I. D. E. S.

The two Portuguese societies of Niles, the U. P. E. C. and the I. D. E. S. have made arrangements for a grand Portuguese ball to be given in Connor's hall, January 9, 1915. There will be both Portuguese and American dancing. Good music has been obtained for the occasion and refreshments will be served.

Native Sons' Dance.

The New Years' Eve ball given by the Native Sons of Niles on the night of December 31, came up to the expectations of even the most enthusiastic dancer in Niles. All who know the Native Sons' ability as hosts expected a good time, and they were not disappointed.

At midnight the dance ceased for a few moments to allow the dancers to assist in the noise outside. Fire and church bells, whistles and an occasional revolver shot added to the noise of ushering the new year in.

As showing the possibilities for tree

growth in regions where irrigation has to be depended upon, it is pointed out that Boise, Idaho, has as many as 24 different kinds of ornamental and shade trees.

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

COUNTY CLERK NAMES DEPUTIES

Arthur Biddle and Joseph Rodrick Become Employees in Clerk's Office.

SOME OF OLD FORCE KEPT

G. Earle Wade and Old-Timer in Oakland City Offices Will Succeed Andy Johnson.

According to a recent announcement of appointees by County Clerk-elect George E. Gross, Washington township has landed two deputyships. Arthur Biddle of Newark has been named as one of the two court clerks appointed and Joseph Broderick of Centerville will land in a deputyship which has not yet been designated.

G. Earle Wade of Oakland is to be Gross' chief deputy. Wade is an employee of the city of 12 years standing and is under civil service. Among the old force of the county clerk's office that will hold over are W. E. Adams, judgment clerk; J. O. Gustafson, a deputy, and Miss Margaret Bachrach, stenographer and copyist. Others, it is said may retain their present positions.

Other appointments as announced are E. H. Hart, framer of the Hart liquor ordinance and vice-president of the California Federation of Labor, court clerk; J. C. Holland, clerk of the board of supervisors; Lou Codres, registration clerk.

The following deputy clerks are announced, their positions not yet being assigned: Edward Hadley, Thomas Coyne and William Larue of Berkeley; Hans Hennington of Hayward; R. J. Bird of the Carmen's union; J. H. Nerney and Miss A. M. Clements.

REV. BROWN TO TESTIFY.

Will Face Wronged Husband of Mrs. Hendricks at Inquest at Hayward Today.

When Rev. R. A. M. Browne, for

took her life, faces the coroner's jury today with the wronged husband of the woman as another witness, he will have the companionship of Rev. L. A. McAfee, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Oakland and A. B. Coats, former secretary of the Oakland Dry Federation, both of whom have supported the minister in his disgrace.

Both have been subpoenaed to testify before the coroner's jury.

"I understand that Browne confessed to the material points of his relationship with Mrs. Hendricks to Rev. McAfee," said Deputy Coroner Bert Sargent, who subpoenaed Rev. McAfee and Coats, "and I wish to find out if Rev. McAfee was harboring this minister while the coroner's office was looking all over creation for him without result. Also, I want to find out just what Coats had to do with this woman."

At the inquest today Browne and Hendricks will confront each other for the first time.

NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

Ralph V. Richmond, Justice of the Peace, and Joseph Soito, Constable Take Office Monday.

Monday morning the officers elected at the election of November last will take their offices. The only changes in Washington township are those of Ralph V. Richmond, who will assume his duties of justice of the peace, and Joseph Soito of Newark who will pin on his badge as constable. Judge Jno. G. Mattos of Centerville was elected to succeed himself and Constable Frank Rose is also the choice of the people for another term as constable. Both Mattos and Rose are too well known to need any introduction, either as public officials or personally. The way they have administered their duties in the past has merited their re-election.

Judge Richmond is also well known in Niles. He has been deputy coroner for some time and his knowledge of law acquired in this capacity as well as by study fits him to the office which he is about to take over. There is no doubt but that he will perform his duties conscientiously and well.

Soito is well known in Newark, where he has been employed as a moulder in the Graham Stove Works. He is spoken well of by his employers as an industrious and conscientious man, and is known by his friends to be fearless in the performance of his duty. Undoubtedly the people in Soito's district will have ample police protection.

FINAL ELECTION FIGURES.

Attorney General Webb Leads All Other Candidates For State Offices.

The final figures on the election, as announced by the Secretary of State, show a range of total vote from 639,408 down to 116,121. The tabulated list shows all the candidates except the Prohibitionists, who averaged about 79,000 votes each, and the Socialists, who averaged 98,000.

John B. Curtin, the Democratic candidate for Governor, received 116,121 votes, while Senator-elect Phelan received 279,896 votes. Phelan received the smallest vote of any of the successful state candidates. Governor Johnson received 460,495 votes, as against 271,990, the total of John Fredericks, his nearest competitor.

State Treasurer-elect Friend W. Richardson and Attorney General U. S. Webb, lead all the other candidates with totals exceeding 630,000. Controller John S. Chambers is a close third, while Lieutenant Governor-elect John M. Eshleman and Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan occupy fourth and fifth places.

The following is the table in numerical order:

U. S. Webb, attorney general	639,408
Friend W. Richardson, state treasurer	632,308
John S. Chambers, controller	622,988
John M. Eshleman, lieutenant governor	533,255
Frank C. Jordan, secretary of state	487,904
Hiram W. Johnson, governor	460,495
Edward Hyatt, superintendent of public instruction	459,270
Wm. P. Lawlor, justice supreme court	448,134
Wm. S. Kingsbury, surveyor general	412,858
Frank M. Angellotti, chief justice of supreme court	393,502
William P. Daley, chief justice supreme court	367,368
Lucien Shaw, justice supreme court	328,922
Frank E. Wright, surveyor general	312,635
John D. Murphy, justice supreme court	290,527
Mrs. N. E. Davidson, superintendent instruction	290,078
James D. Phelan, United States senator	279,896
John D. Fredericks, governor	271,990
Francis J. Heney, U. S. senator	255,232
Joseph R. Knowland, U. S. senator	254,159
William P. James, justice supreme court	249,781
J. V. Snyder, lieutenant governor	223,011
F. J. O'Brien, secretary of state	216,938
J. B. Curtin, governor	116,121

CATHOLICS IN NILES MOURN.

Corpus Christi Church to Be Draped For 30 Days in Memory of Archbishop Riordan.

Beginning this morning the interior and exterior of Corpus Christi church at Niles will be draped in black in memory of Archbishop Patrick W. Riordan of the archdiocese of San Francisco. During the week Rev. Father John Leal will sing requiem high mass for the repose of the soul of the departed prelate.

Father Leal, in speaking of the death of the archbishop said: "I have reason nearer perhaps than most to remember and revere the archbishop. Creating the parish of Decoto and Niles was his last official act, and I was the last priest appointed to take charge of a parish previous to his death."

INDIAN GIRL DEAD.

Fifteen-Year Old Girl Buried at Old Indian Cemetery at Mission San Jose.

A fifteen-year-old girl of Mexican-Indian parentage died in Niles last Friday night from consumption. The funeral was held at the old burying grounds at Mission San Jose where the Padres used to bury all the Indian dead. Rev. Father Leal of Niles conducted the services. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Alter, Pratt and Richmond.

Perils of Pauline at Bell Theater.

Manager John B. Bernard will show the last episode of the Peril of Pauline at the Bell Theater on January 7, 1915. This picture has been the subject of much discussion and many will be present to see the last installment.—Adv.

French Dinner at the New Senate Restaurant.

A genuine French dinner is served in Niles every Sunday at the New Senate Restaurant. Price, 75 cents.

JOHNSON TAKES OFFICE TUESDAY

Legislature Convened on Next Monday to Receive the Official Returns.

SECOND MAN RE-ELECTED

No "Fuss and Feathers." The Governor Considers Pomp and Circumstance are Infra Dig.

State legislators-elect and the outgoing members of both the assembly and the senate will meet in joint session January 4, next Monday, at noon, for the purpose of organization preparatory to the official canvass of the vote of last November's election, after which, on Tuesday evening, Governor Johnson and John M. Eshleman, lieutenant governor, will be inaugurated in the house chambers in joint session of both bodies of the legislature.

The occasion will mark the second in the history of the state of California in which a governor has followed himself into office, John Bigler, a democrat, first elected in 1851, and chosen to succeed himself in 1853, prior to the extension of the term of office from two to four years, which began with the term of Stanford in 1862, is the only other chief executive to be re-elected.

Already the chamber in which the lower house members meet to make laws is being prepared for the double purpose of welcoming the opening of the Exposition year session of the legislature and also for the ceremonies which will attend the inauguration.

There will be the usual inaugural reception, and the governor will deliver his address immediately after taking the oath of office. But there will not be an inaugural ball. This function, which for half a century made the occasion the big society event of the state every four years, was tabooed by Johnson four years ago. He says he looks upon the busi-

ness of the inauguration as a duty, and not an occasion for display of gowns and an all-night dance.

This inauguration, like the last, will be open to the public. The only seats reserved will be those occupied by members of the legislature, state officials and one invited guest for each.

ZWISLER'S

Reduced Prices in Ready-Made GOODS

Desiring to make a clean-up on all Winter Ready-Made Garments, the following reduction will prevail during the next two weeks.

\$5.00 Ladies' Dress Skirts, now	3.75
\$4.00 Ladies' Dress Skirts, now	2.95
\$3.75 Ladies' Dress Skirts, now	2.65
\$3.75 Ladies' Silk Petticoats, now	2.85
\$3.70 Ladies' Silk Petticoats, now	2.65
\$3.00 Ladies' Silk Petticoats, now	2.15
\$5.00 Ladies' Sweaters now	3.75
\$4.50 Ladies' Sweaters now	3.25
\$3.00 Ladies' Sweaters now	2.15
\$2.00 Ladies' Kimonos, now	1.45
\$1.75 Ladies' Kimonos, now	1.35
\$1.50 Ladies' Kimonos, now	1.20
\$1.00 Ladies' Kimonos, now	.85
75c Ladies' Kimonos, now	.60

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Notice.

No shooting or trespassing allowed. All violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
WALPERT CATTLE CO.

Wilson's Note to England

The following is the full text of President Wilson's note to England, which has caused such a furor on both sides of the Ocean. It was released at Washington yesterday.

"The Department of State to the American Ambassador at London, Department of State.

"Washington, D. C., December 26, 1914.

"The present condition of American foreign trade resulting from the frequent seizures and detentions of American cargoes destined to neutral European ports has become so serious as to require a candid statement of the views of this government in order that the British government may be fully informed as to the attitude of the United States toward the policy which has been pursued by the British authorities during the present war.

"You will, therefore, communicate the following to His Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs, but in doing so you will assure him that it is done in the most friendly spirit and in the belief that frankness will better serve the continuance of cordial relations between the two countries than silence, which may be misconstrued into acquiescence in a course of conduct which this government cannot but consider to be an infringement upon the rights of American citizens.

"The government of the United States has viewed with growing concern the large number of vessels laden with American goods destined to neutral ports in Europe, which have been seized on the high seas, taken into British ports and detained sometimes for weeks by the British authorities.

"During the early days of the war this government assumed that the policy adopted by the British government was due to the unexpected outbreak of hostilities and the necessity of immediate action to prevent contraband from reaching the enemy. For this reason it was not disposed to judge the policy harshly and protest it vigorously, although it was manifestly very injurious to American trade with the neutral countries of Europe. This government, relying confidently upon the high regard

which Great Britain has so often exhibited in the past for the rights of other nations, confidently awaited amendment of a course of action which denied to neutral commerce the freedom to which it was entitled by the law of nations.

"This expectation seemed to be rendered more assured by the statement of the foreign office early in November that the British government was satisfied with guarantees offered by the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish governments as to non-exportation of contraband goods when consigned to named persons in the territories of those governments, and that orders had been given to the British fleet and customs authorities to restrict interference with neutral vessels carrying such cargoes so consigned to verification of ship's papers and cargoes.

"It is therefore, a matter of deep regret, that, though nearly five months have passed since the war began, the British government have not materially changed their policy and do not treat less rigorously ships and cargoes passing between neutral ports in the peaceful pursuit of lawful commerce, which belligerents should protect rather than interrupt. The greater freedom from detention and seizure which was confidently expected to result from consigning shipments to definite consignees, rather than 'to order' is still awaited.

"It is needless to point out to his majesty's government, usually the champion of the freedom of the seas, and the rights of trade, that peace, not war, is the normal relation between nations and that the commerce between countries which are not belligerents should not be interfered with by those at war unless such interference is manifestly an imperative necessity to protect their national safety, and then only to the extent that it is necessary. It is with no lack of appreciation of the momentous nature of the present struggle, in which Great Britain is engaged, and with no selfish desire to gain undue commercial advantage that this government is reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the present policy of his majesty's government toward neutral ships and cargoes exceeds the manifest necessity of a belligerent and constitutes restrictions upon the rights of American citizens on the high seas which are not justified by the rules of international law or required under the principle of self-preservation.

"The government of the United States does not intend at this time (continued to page three.)

NOTICE OF TIME SET FOR PROVING WILL, ETC.

No. 19633.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

In the matter of the Estate of Antonio G. Garcia, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that a petition for the probate of the will of Antonio G. Garcia, deceased, and for the issuance to Maria Garcia of letters testamentary thereon has been filed in this court and that Tuesday, the 19th day of January A. D. 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the courtroom of Department No. 4, of said court, at the Court House in the City of Oakland, in said County of Alameda, has been set for the hearing of said petition and proving said will, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same.

Dated, December 29, 1914.

JOHN P. COOK,

Clerk.

By W. W. CRANE,

Deputy Clerk.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR.,

Attorney for Petitioner, Centerville, California.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Room No. 1101, Union Savings Bank Building, northeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth streets, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased.

EMILY P. MAYHEW,

Administratrix of the estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased.

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THOMAS C. HUXLEY,

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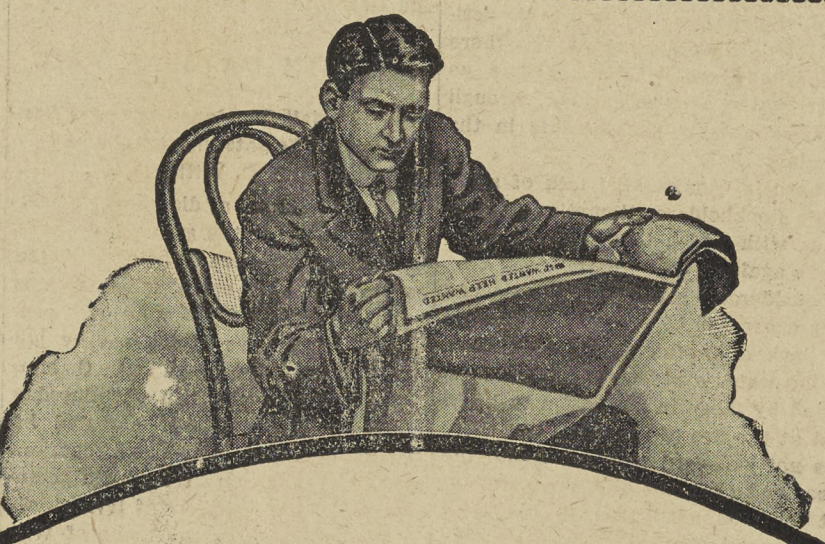
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Wilson's Note to England

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to discuss the propriety of including certain articles in the lists of absolute and conditional contraband which have been proclaimed by his majesty. Open to objection as some of these seem to this government, the chief ground of present complaint is the treatment of cargoes of both classes of articles when bound to neutral ports.

"Articles listed as absolute contraband, shipped from the United States and consigned to neutral countries, have been seized and detained on the ground that the countries to which they were destined have not prohibited the exportation of such articles. Unwarranted as such detentions are, in the opinion of this government, American exporters are further perplexed by the apparent indecision of the British authorities in applying their own rules to neutral cargoes. For example, a shipment of copper from this country to a specified consignee in Sweden was detained because, as was stated by Great Britain, Sweden had placed no embargo on copper. On the other hand, Italy not only prohibited the export of copper, but, as this government is informed, put in force a decree that shipments to Italian consignees or 'to order' which arrive in ports of Italy cannot be exported or transported.

"The only exception Italy makes is of copper which passes through that country in transit to another country. In spite of these decrees, however, the British Foreign Office has thus far declined to affirm that copper shipment, consigned to Italy will not be molested on the high seas. Seizures are so numerous and delays so prolonged that exporters are afraid to send their copper to Italy, steamship lines refuse to accept it and insurers refuse to issue policies upon it. In a world, a legitimate trade is being greatly impaired through uncertainty as to the treatment which it may expect at the hands of the British authorities.

"We feel that we are abundantly justified in asking for information as to the manner in which the British Government proposes to carry out the policy which they have adopted, in order that we may determine the steps necessary to protect our citizens engaged in foreign trade in their rights and from the serious losses to which they are liable through ignorance of the hazards to which their cargoes are exposed.

"In the case of conditional contraband the policy of Great Britain appears to this government to be equally unjustified by the established rules of international conduct. As evidence of this, attention is directed to the fact that a number of American cargoes which have been seized consist of foodstuffs and other articles of common use in all countries which are admittedly relative contraband. In spite of the presumption of innocent use because destined to neutral territory, the British authorities made these seizures and detentions without, so far as we are informed, being in possession of facts which warranted a reasonable belief that the ships had really a belligerent destination as that term is used in international law. Mere suspicion is not evident and doubts should be resolved in favor of neutral commerce, not against it. The effect upon trade in these articles between neutral nations resulting from interrupted voyages and detained cargoes is not entirely cured by reimbursement of the owners for the damages, which they have suffered after failing to establish an enemy destination. The injury is to American commerce with neutral countries as a whole through the hazard of the enterprise and the repeated diversion of goods from established markets.

"It also appears that cargoes of this character have been seized by the British authorities because of a belief that, though not originally so intended by the shippers, they will ultimately reach the territory of the enemies of Great Britain. Yet this belief is frequently reduced to a mere

fear, in view of the embargoes which have been decreed by the neutral countries, to which they are destined, on the articles composing the cargoes.

"That a consignment 'to order' of articles listed as conditional contraband and shipped to a neutral port raises a legal presumption of enemy destination appears to be directly contrary to the doctrines previously held by Great Britain, and thus stated by Lord Salisbury during the South African war:

"Foodstuffs, though having a hostile destination, can be considered as contraband of war only if they are for the enemy forces; it is not sufficient that they are capable of being so used; it must be shown that this was in fact their destination at the time of their seizure."

With this statement as to conditional contraband the views of this government are in entire accord, and upon this historic doctrine, consistently maintained by Great Britain when a belligerent as well as a neutral, American shippers were entitled to rely.

"The government of the United States readily admits the full right of a belligerent to visit and search on the high seas the vessels of American citizens or other neutral vessels carrying American goods and to detain them when there is sufficient evidence to justify a belief that contraband articles are in their cargoes; but his majesty's government, judging by their own experience in the past, must realize that this government cannot, without protest, permit American ships or American cargoes to be taken into British ports and there detained for the purpose of searching generally for evidence of contraband, or upon presumptions created by special municipal enactments which are clearly at variance with international laws and practices.

"This government believes and earnestly hopes that his majesty's government will come to the same belief, that a course of conduct more in conformity with the rules of international usage which Great Britain has strongly sanctioned for many years, will, in the end, better serve the interests of belligerents as well as those of neutrals.

"Not only is the situation a critical one to the commercial interests of the United States, but many of the industries of this country are suffering because their products are denied long-established markets in European countries which, though neutral, are contiguous to the nations at war. Producers and exporters are pressing and not without reason, for relief from the menace to transatlantic trade which is gradually but surely destroying their business and threatens them with financial disaster.

"The government of the United States still relying upon the deep sense of justice of the British nation, which has been so often manifested in the intercourse between the two countries during so many years of uninterrupted friendship, expresses confidently the hope that his majesty's government will realize the obstacles and difficulties which their present policy has placed in the way of commerce between the United States and neutral countries of Europe and instruct its officials to refrain from all unnecessary interference with the freedom of trade between nations which are sufferers though not participants in the present conflict, and will in their treatment of neutral ships and cargoes conform more closely to these rules governing the maritime relations between belligerents and neutrals, which have received the sanction of the civilized world, and which Great Britain has in other wars, so strongly and successfully advocated.

"In conclusion, it should be impressed upon his majesty's government that the present condition of American trade with the neutral European countries is such that if it does not improve it may arouse a feeling contrary to that which has so long existed between the American and the British peoples. Already it is becoming more and more the subject of public criticism and complaint. There is an increasing belief, doubtless not entirely unjustified that the present British policy toward American trade is responsible for the depression in certain industries which depend upon American markets. The attention of the British government is called to this possible result of their present policy to show how widespread the effect is upon the industrial life of the United States and to emphasize the importance of removing the cause of complaint."

A small railroad operating oil-burning locomotive on the Tahoe national forest, California, had a breakdown during the past summer and burned wood instead of oil for one day. On this day fifteen fires started along the right of way. During the preceding year, only one fire occurred near the railroad and it was not thought that the engine was responsible for that one.

In District 4 of the forest service, with headquarters at Ogden, Utah, lightning caused 36 per cent of this year's fires, and campers 27 per cent.

DEMOCRATS ORGANIZE IN ORDER TO EXERCISE THE BALANCE OF POWER

Milton Schmitt Makes Overtures to Democratic Leaders.

With the balance of power in their possession, the Democratic members of the Assembly will meet in Sacramento next Sunday to consider the advisability of organizing to maintain this balance of power. The caucus was called by Henry Hawson, assemblyman-elect from Fresno.

It is reported further that a movement is on to get the Democrats to align themselves with the Republicans. Milton Schmitt, Republican candidate for speaker, is said to be very active in promoting this movement. He has been in Fresno two or three times in the past few weeks conferring with Hawson, but the Fresno assemblyman said recently that no negotiations had been entered into with him nor had any understanding been reached.

"The Democrats are in a receptive mood," he is said to have declared. "When we meet on Sunday we will be glad to hear what the various candidates can do. We will not only endeavor to find out what propositions they can offer, but what principles. We will not accept offices if we are obliged to vote for reactionary measures in return. Of course, if we are organized and with the balance of power in our possession, if we decide to support any particular candidate, we will very naturally expect some concessions."

At the present time there are but two active candidates, C. C. Young, speaker two years ago, and Milton Schmitt. Frank M. Rutherford has been mentioned.

Should there be but two candidates, there would be practically no chance for a dead lock, and the Democratic balance of power would be of little use. On the other hand, with three candidates in the field, the Democrats could produce a deadlock and it is believed in legislative circles that Hawson and his associates will endeavor to make Rutherford an active candidate in order to produce this deadlock.

Milton Schmitt of San Francisco is a reactionary Republican and would be willing to make almost any kind of a trade, it is asserted. He could agree to give Democrats important offices, and also could, with impunity, agree to favor or oppose measures, as they desired.

Hawson is generally recognized as a Democratic leader and will without doubt be recognized as such in the Assembly.

A log raft containing one million feet of cedar, said to be the largest ever floated on the Pacific, recently made the trip from British Columbia to Puget Sound. It was 100 feet long and 70 feet wide; it stood 15 feet out of the water and 20 feet under.

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When asked what the company's idea was in regard to the suggestion that the main street of Niles be paved with vitrified brick, Mr. Meyer said:

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"The company feels that it is entitled to consideration in this regard. It spends several hundred dollars a month in Niles and has made Niles its place of business. All our stationery now bears the name of Niles as our postoffice address, and it is probable that in the near future all our cars will be billed from Niles, instead of from Decoto as heretofore.

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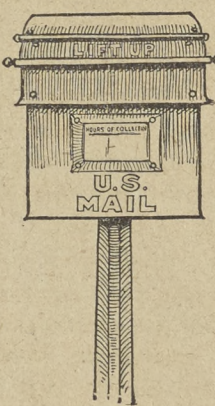
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Federal Jurisdiction in Election Matters

THE FEDERAL government has indicted some twenty-two officers of Terre Haute, Ind., for fraud at the late elections. Over 125 others in private life, heelers of the city administration, have also come under the ban and are now enjoying (?) with their principals, the distinction of national hospitality—those at least who have not been able to furnish bonds in amounts ranging from \$2500 to \$10,000.

To show how hard it is to get such bonds when "accommodation" is in such demand and the supply consequently restricted, Mayor Roberts was compelled to "sweat it out" for 24 hours in default of a \$10,000 surety.

The ground upon which the Federal government assumed jurisdiction is based in the contention that inasmuch as national officers, a United States senator and a congressman, were voted on in Terre Haute the national government has jurisdiction in the cases. It is also charged that the postal laws were violated in that the conspiracy was furthered through the mails.

The first of these contentions brings the matter home to us. The Alameda county scandals are pervasive, under the government's grounds for taking jurisdiction, to action such as that at Terre Haute.

It may be just possible that District Attorney Hynes realized this in pressing the prosecution of Oakland's coterie of crooks himself. His very commendable action and stated determination to by the knowledge, and his opposition to Heney go further along the same line may also be inspired dipping into the cauldron of civic rot may have emanated as much from desire to prevent Federal interference as from what his detractors termed pig-headedness or fear, according to the degree or attitude of their opposition to the little fighter.

One thing is certain—and it gives reason for hope—and that is that where officials are either parties to crookedness at the polls or derelict in prosecution of such offenses they become amenable to national discipline, and federal prosecutions are most cold-blooded affairs. The "local sentiment" doesn't "temper the winds to the shorn lambs" when Uncle Sam guides old Boreas. And it is well, for there is no crime quite so far-reaching as fraud at elections.

President Forced to Act

THE attitude of President Wilson in demanding a change in the methods of England in her attempt at preventing contraband of war from entering Germany will find little short of universal applause in this country. Labor and small business interests will feel gratified because of the "patriotic interest" that inspired the demand. Capital and "big business" will feel elated at the stand because of the wider scope it will give to exploit the unfortunates at war-time prices.

Some who have analytically followed the tactics of the beef and steel and copper trusts and the big guns in the food stuffs and wearing apparel lines, however, will view this action of President Wilson as the first step that may lead this country to become involved in war. No one, not even the heads of the interests named, would for a moment deny but that such a stand will redound greatly in favor of the larger export interests because of the change that will undoubtedly come over England's procedure in searching American shipping. It will permit those with little compunction as to the damage done to more easily "put over" contraband business.

If it were true that goods consigned to neutral countries were for use in those countries, not for trans-shipment, the game would be worth the candle. But we all realize that the shipping of copper, steel jackets for shrapnel shell, embalmed beef, cotton, wool, grains and other things necessary to war and soldiers can be much more easily done, and at a greater profit, through neutral zones within easy access of the countries at war if Britain is allowed to rule the waves less inquisitively than she has done the past month.

The loss of something like ninety millions in contraband cargoes the last month stirred Mr. Wilson to action and possibly may also account for his active insistence upon the liberty of the Philippines.

This last administrative policy will not meet with the same undivided approbation that his protest to England elicited. The business interests would be willing that the people go to any limits to protect their investments in that country. The tobacco trust is most anxious to bring cheap-labor Manila cigars and tobacco into competition with the products of this country free of duty. They don't care how much of a menace the islands would be in time of war. They don't have to do the fighting.

We can only hope that Wilson will be as success-

ful in the Philippine matter as he bids fair to be with the English demand, for those islands would be nothing less than a menace to this country in case of war with any second-class country. Moreover, they really stand in the guise of an incentive to war with Japan. They are peopled with mongrel Asiatics who are non-assimilable with us, the climate and industries are foreign to our people and the moral atmosphere of the Philippines is such that we might well forego them. They are an expensive luxury.

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We are not defending this practice. In fact, we believe it destructive of the best interests of the township; but it is a condition, not a theory, that confronts, and in doing this the people but less ruinously apply the logic of price-competition which all merchants practice and teach in their refusal to purchase exclusively from "home-industry" concerns. With both it is a short-sighted application of economic determinism. They send money out of the community which would serve all much better kept at home.

The change of our day of publication will enable us to more successfully go out of Washington township for advertising business. This has become necessary by the lack of patron-

age obtained at home, and at worst only caters to a practice that we had no part in forming.

If we are successful in getting the business that our circulation and the wealth of the community warrant, it will enable us to enlarge The Press and render better and more diverse service to our subscribers. And this we pledge ourselves to do just as soon as income from advertising will defray the expense.

Wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous new year, we beg to remain,

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ORTIE McMANIGAL, the Los Angeles dynamiter through whose "squealing" the McNamara brothers were induced to confess to similar crimes, has been given \$1000 by District Attorney Fredericks of Los Angeles county, and is on his way rejoicing, having been secretly released on November 5th. McManigal confessed and at the time Fredericks said that he was not promised any consideration. The question is, by what legal method was he permitted to go free, and by whose authority did Fredericks pay him \$1000 out of funds not his own—money held in trust, presumably, since it was part of the Franklin bribe fund. Another instance of what makes law and lawyers institutions to be conjured with.

OUR HIRAM

(Apropos of Gov. Johnson's Second Inauguration.)

Hiram, you're a "long-hair"
With a "rough-neck" Western mind,
Whose fists were made for scraппin'
The battles of your kind.

You don't pay much attention to the errors others make,
Except to try to mend 'em, an' avoid the same mistake.

Instead of boostin' issues
The wealthy think so great,
Or takin' tardy action
When time to act's too late,

You figure out what's needed, from the human point of view
Then make a new pre-cedent—No "dead-hand" dope for you!

That's why they call you "rough-neck,"
An' knock your game for fair,
An' always print your picture
With pipe an' uncombed hair.

They're 'fraid of your inventin' a moral dynamite
That gives a man what's his'n by might of legal right.

Big business, course, don't like you,
As it does some folks we know,
An' men like General Otis
Don't want your schemes to go;

But "the masses" of this "Empire beside the Golden Gate"
Are thankful to you, Hiram—Great son of greatest State!
—Sef.

Will Suspend the Charter

SOME time ago the people of Oakland adopted a new city charter. That charter provides a civil service examination for all city employees other than elective officers, and in compliance with state and national custom in the case of elective officers, as a prerequisite to consideration, applicants must be citizens of the state, county and city for a prescribed period.

According to the press bureau stuff recently sent out by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Commercial club consolidated, it is proposed, however, to elide the latter provision of Oakland's fundamental law in the case of at least two positions to be given out in the near future. They are manager of the municipal auditorium at \$3000 to \$5000 a year, and harbor manager at \$4000 per annum.

It is claimed that this has been deemed advisable in order that "the best men in the country" may be induced to contest for the positions, and we are notified that a want ad will be inserted in the newspapers throughout the country looking to inducing persons from all over to enter the lists at the examination to be held on the 15th of February, next.

Mind you, this comes from the Chamber of Commerce, not the Civil Service Board of Oakland.

There are two questions that suggest themselves in this connection. The first is: Why this special exemption (if exemption there will be) of purposeful law for which there is good state and national precedent? The second is: How can an arbitrary change be made in fundamental law without its reference to the law-giving power (in this case the people)? A third, pending on these two, is: If commercial methods are to be applied to these two positions—if any non-citizen can be employed in places of as much responsibility as manager of a waterfront or an enterprise such as the auditorium, why not follow the same procedure with elective officers? For instance, advertise for men to undergo a civil service examination for mayor, school superintendent, treasurer and what not, to go on an eligible list from which candidates for those jobs shall be selected. There can be no doubt but that we would get a better corps of officers than the general run at present.

This is actually done in monarchical Germany where efficiency of the same laudible character sought in the case of these two managers is the desideratum.

We might even go a step farther and make the tenure of office, as in the case of our own supreme justices, for life or pending efficiency and good behavior—whatever they may be construed to mean.

Can't you see the tendency of this procedure? It is to make government subserve business, rather than human ends. It is to allow the "dear people" to "saw wood and say nothing." It is concentration of authority on so small a scale as not to be dangerous that means the eradication of the human equation in matters that were undertaken (or said to have been so) for human ends. It is a precedent full of danger to republican institutions.

In the first place, civil service examinations do not appeal to men who are practical and efficient. It is the theoretician, the person with "ideas," who has to resort to competitive examinations to get a job. The practical man would rather trust to his personal initiative and power to make good than to the judgment and questions of a lot of academics who have less than a smattering of the business to which he has devoted years.

We don't want to be understood as totally disparaging civil service. Sometimes those who have passed the examinations make good after they have had experience enough—oftener they don't—but seldom are the best people attracted by them.

Again we would ask: Who will repeal the city charter of Oakland, and how? How far dare they go along these monarchical lines, and how much of this procedure will the people stand.

IT IS hardly probable that if Rev. A. W. Palmer of Plymouth Center were censor of the Oakland dailies that there would be quite so much sensational publicity given the suicide of Mrs. Maude Hendricks. Mrs. Hendricks was the "soul mate" of Rev. R. A. M. (rather suggestive initials) Browne, a temperance lecturer who had separated from his wife. And a good deal of this "news" might well be foregone without hurting subscribers any or detracting from the newspapers' educative value.

MAYOR ROLPH'S action in "firing" the San Francisco fire commissioners, whatever the motive behind it, evidences a disposition to disregard personal consequences that bodes good for the political future of the city. It will bring before the people somewhat of the causes of rottenness that have made San Francisco's past odoriferous if the commissioners make good on their threat to air the whole matter. There is nothing but harm in covering up such things.

CREED.

(Although Mrs. Townsend was the author of many poems, she was known to the world as the author of but one. That one has been printed in newspapers and magazines in every part of the country and copied into scrap books and diaries innumerable. It has also been translated into most of the continental languages. The following is the author's final version of the poem, which its admirers will be glad to have, as so many garbled versions have been published in the course of its wanderings.)

I believe if I should die
And you should kiss my eyelids when I lie
Cold, dead and dumb to all the world contains,
The folded orbs would open at thy breath,
And, from its exile in the isles of death,
Life would come gladly back along my veins.
I believe if I were dead,
And you upon my lifeless heart should tread,
Not knowing what the poor clod chanced to be,
It would find sudden pulse beneath the touch
Of him it ever loved in life so much,
And throb again—warm, tender, true to thee.

I believe if on my grave,
Hidden in woody depths or by the wave,
Your eyes should drop some warm tears of regret,
From every salty seed of your dear grief
Some fair sweet blossom would leap into leaf,
To prove death could not make my love forget.

I believe if I should fade
Into those mystic realms where light is made,
And you should long gonce more my face to see,
I would come forth upon the hills of night
And gather stars like fagots till thy sight,
Led by their beacon blaze, fell full on me.

I believe my faith in thee,
Strong as my life, so nobly placed to be,
I would as soon expect to see the sun
Fall like a dead king from his height sublime,
His glory stricken from the throne of time,
As thee unworth the worship thou hast won.

I believe who hath not loved
Hath half the sweetness of his life unproved,
Like one who, with the grape within his grasp,
Drops it with all its crimson juice unpressed,
And all its luscious sweetness left unguessed,
Out from his careless and unheeding clasp.

I believe love, pure and true,
Is to the soul a sweet, immortal dew
That gems life's petals in its hours of dusk.
The waiting angels see and recognize
The rich crown jewel, Love of Paradise,
When life falls from us like a withered husk.

—Mary Ashley Townsend

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SERMONETTES

BY
JEREMIAH II

No. 2.—Jonah and the Whale.

Once there was a guy in the Bible named Jonah. He was some Bull Artist and used to shoot his little Line every Sunday before the Plate was passed.

Now, things were going along pretty nicely when the Lord ordered Jonah to beat it to Babylon to try his conversation on some of the Heathen there. But Babylon wasn't nearly such a Healthy place as Persualem and Jonah knew it. Besides, it was rumored that the Congregation was small, and the Contributions likewise—though Jonah was not influenced in his actions by the former Fact. The point is, that Jonah decided not to go to Babylon, but to Paris, or some other Live Burg where he could live like a regular Guy. So he set sail for Paris.

Nothing happened until the third day at sea. All was going fine until a storm arose and the ship turned turtle. The water was over Jonah's head and arms. The sea was cavorting wildly. "What shall I do?" quoth Jonah. And his Spirit answered, "Swim!" which Jonah did at the rate of about forty knots per hour for about three weeks. Then a whale came along, opened its mouth, and Jonah, thinking that he had struck land, climbed aboard. It grew dark. After groping around for sometime Jonah Found Himself in the Allmentary Canal all alone. After seeing all there was to see, Jonah beyan to kick, and landed Mr. Whale a Swift One on the wrong side of the Solar Plexus. Naturally Mr. Whale thought that this was no Proper Reward for his Kindness, so he very cordially instructed Jonah to make himself less numerous thereabouts. Jonah gladly complied.

After a few hours swimming, Jonah landed at Tyre unattended. He took the next boat for Babylon, and after the first few years of Hard Times, lived happily ever after.

The moral is: When you are Down in the Mouth, think of Jonah; he came out all right.

WET INJUNCTION DENIED.

Arizona's Prohibition Law Goes Into Effect on the Tenth of This Month.

The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect January 10. The special United States tribunal comprising Judges Erskine Ross, Olin Wellborn and William Sawtelle rendered the decision, which was read by Judge Wellborn. It was brief and asserted that no sufficient evidence had been presented to cause the granting of an interlocutory injunction.

Former Attorney General George Purdy Bullard of Arizona, representing the petitioners, at once announced intention to appeal. It was made plain that the anti-prohibition interests will prosecute their fight to the end.

The petition was filed on behalf of the Catholic church of Tucson, Ariz. The contention was made that the prohibition amendment to the Arizona constitution, endorsed at the recent state election, was discriminatory and an abridgement of religious rights in that it prevented the use of wine in the sacramental rites of the church.

The hotel men of Arizona, the wholesale liquor dealers and the pharmacists had made similar petitions for injunctions. The decision of the court automatically decided the application of all four cases. Each petitioner was required, then, to deposit \$5000 appeal bond.

The attorneys for the petitioners filed application for a supersedeas stay to prevent the law from becoming effective until the decision of the supreme court of the United States is announced. This the court denied on the ground that such action would in effect constitute an injunction.

"BLUE SKY" JOB FILLED.

Commissioner of Corporations Plum Falls Into Hands of H. L. Carahan of Riverside.

H. L. Carahan of Riverside was appointed commissioner of corporations by Governor Johnson on the 30th ult. The salary carried by the new office is \$5000 a year.

Commissioner Carahan will look after the administration and enforcement of the "Blue Sky" law, which controls the promotion and issuance of stock and puts an end to "wildcat" speculation.

How to Figure Horsepower.

Following is the formula to be used in figuring the horsepower when securing auto licenses for 1915:

Add the bore and stroke; multiply the result by the bore; multiply this product by the number of cylinders; multiply this product by .222. This will produce the horsepower.

VETCH AS FEED

BETTER THAN
OAT OR WHEAT HAY

By W. H. NIXON,

Farm Advisor for Alameda County.

The yield on our hillside hay land is generally much less than the farmer would like to harvest. Indeed, much of this land is used for hay only because it will not grow profitable crops of grain. There are various ways by which the fertility of this land may be increased, and nearly all of them call for considerable expense. However, by growing legumes on this land considerable nitrogen can be added to the soil, and if we can make good use of the legume crop, there is no expense attached. For this purpose I would suggest vetch hay.

Vetch makes very good hay, indeed. The feeding value of straight vetch hay is greater than that of first quality alfalfa, as the content of digestible protein is higher. However, vetch alone does not grow well and is always sown with grain. Oats are probably the best suited for this purpose as it ripens at about the same time. Vetch-and-oat hay has a higher feeding value than straight oat or wheat hay, especially for dairy stock and may be fed to horses with good results. The proportion of digestible nutrients is given as follows.

Oat Hay—Dry matter, 86; protein, 4.7; carbohydrates, 36.7; fat, 1.7.

Oat and Vetch—Dry matter, 85; protein, 8.3; carbohydrates, 35.8; fat, 1.3.

Alfalfa Hay—Dry matter, 93; protein, 11.1; carbohydrates, 39.1; fat, 0.6.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the protein content of the mixed hay is nearly twice as great as it is in the oat hay. For this reason it is a very valuable feed for cows; in fact, it constitutes very nearly a balanced ration for that purpose. Aside from the greater value of vetch hay, it is an active agent of soil improvement.

A crop of oat and vetch hay may be expected to yield considerable heavier than a crop of oat hay on the same land. Moreover the mixed hay is worth more per ton to the man who feeds it. True there is little or no market for the vetch hay at present, but that will come in time and has no bearing on the value of vetch for feeding at home.

Five years experience on the Hearst ranch at Pleasanton indicates that the mixed hay seemed to yield about half a ton to the acre above the normal crop. More than that the crop of oat hay following was increased an equal amount. This is because the vetch gathers nitrogen from the air and stores it in the root system where it is available for use by the following crop.

A mixture containing by weight one-third vetch and two-thirds oats is commonly used for seed. Thirty pounds of vetch and sixty pounds of oats per acre will be about right. Plant this mixture as you would regular oats for hay. Cut the crop when the oats are ready for hay. This will be after the vetch has flowered, but before the pods are fully formed. Vetch seed usually sells at from three to four cents per pound. This season, unfortunately, the price is around six cents, due to the cutting off of imports from Europe.

I would not advise planting vetch for hay on a large scale, though it is well worth a small trial by every progressive farmer of hill land. It should be borne in mind that vetch is as much the standard hay plant in the coast counties of Oregon as wheat or oats is in this country. In the Willamette valley oat-and-vetch hay is fed to every class of livestock with good results. This may be the time we can learn from our neighbors in the north. At any rate, a number of California farmers have grown it in a small way and they all report favorably. It is well worth a trial.

BIG SUM FOR HARBOR.

Oakland Gets \$10,000 From Federal Government to Help Work On Inner Harbor.

Oakland has received the third largest harbor appropriation made by the Federal government this year. The full recommendation of the board of army engineers, amounting to \$150,000, has been passed upon favorably by the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress. This sum will be spent improving the inner harbor, and on other plans that are designed to make the Oakland waterfront the best of its kind on the Pacific Coast.

This appropriation is entirely separate and is in addition to the appropriation of \$98,000 made a few months ago for government work on the Oakland harbor, and means that nearly a quarter of a million will be spent on waterfront improvements during the next year by the government alone. The city will spend about \$350,000 more.

Only one modern sawmill is operated in the territory of Hawaii.

CHEAP MEALS

FOR
SCHOOL CHILDREN

Three-course dinners for 5 cents will be served the pupils of the Washington School, Oakland, after January 1, when a fully equipped cafeteria will be started for the children.

This is the second Oakland school to put in a cafeteria, and so successful was the first that practically all the schools will have them soon. Under the supervision of teachers of domestic science, the girls prepare the meals and serve them. The supervisors provide the first cost of installing the cooking apparatus and dishes, and the cafeterias are then supposed to be self-supporting.

PROTECTION OF TREES.

Department Of Agriculture Suggests Manner of Saving Trees From Injury.

"In running wire fences," says the Weekly News Letter of the Department of Agriculture, "it may be necessary or desirable to attach the wires to trees along the fence lines. In many regions old fence rows have grown up naturally to trees; in others, windbreaks have been planted between fields, making tree lines to which wire fencing may be attached without the labor and expense of setting posts.

"In attaching wires to trees, however, it is bad practice to fasten them directly to the trees, for when this is done the wire will be grown over and embedded within the tree itself. This has a number of disadvantages. Not only do the wounds mar the appearance of the tree, but they also afford entrance for diseases which cause decay. In the second place, if the tree is ever cut for lumber either the best part of the trunk has to be thrown out and wasted, or else, if the wires and staples are deeply embedded, the tree may be sawed into without any knowledge on the part of the sawmill men that the wires are there. The results are likely to be disastrous to the saw, and may even endanger human life. Further, it is impossible after the wire has grown over to move the fence without cutting the wire or chopping deep into the tree.

A better way, and one that protects both the tree and the fence, is to nail to the tree a strip of wood from 4 to 6 inches wide and an inch or more thick and of a length to suit the height of the fence. The wires can then be stapled to this strip. As the tree grows the strip is forced out and the tree is not injured. The strip can be nailed tighter from time to time, the wire fence always remaining stapled to it. If there is occasion to remove the fence or cut the tree, the strip can be pried off without any difficulty.

Winter lines in ready-to-wear goods at reduced prices at Zwiler's store. Read their ad in this issue.—Adv.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Alameda County of Alvarado, California, will be held at the office of the corporation on Saturday, January 9, 1915 at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. J. R. BLACOW, Secretary.

PROHIBITION LOST.

Required Two-Thirds Falls 61 Short in Lower House of U. S. Congress.

The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislature, was defeated in the House last Tuesday night, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. Party lines were wiped out of the struggle. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann fought shoulder to shoulder at the head of the forces opposing the resolution. And when the vote came, of the 197 standing for the resolution, 114 were Democrats, 68 were Republicans, 11 were Progressives, and 4 were independent Republicans. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution. It failed by 61 votes.

Prohibition leaders declared that the majority for the resolution had fulfilled their expectations, as they had not hoped for a two-thirds vote at this time.

Whether a similar resolution pending in the Senate submitted by Senator Sheppard of Texas will reach a vote at this session is not sure. Administration leaders are inclined to believe that it will not, in view of the action of the House.

Notwithstanding repeated public assertions that many members of the House would try to dodge a record vote on the issue, the roll call disclosed a heavy attendance, larger than the average throughout the session. On the final vote, 336 votes were recorded. To have carried the resolution would have required 258 affirmative votes.

California's representatives voted as follows: For—Raker, Bell and Stephens. Against—Curry, Kent, Knowland, Kahn, Hayes and Church.

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TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NILES BREVITIES.

Mr. Glover, the stationery dealer, who has been confined to his home for a couple of weeks, is able to attend to business once more.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Belleck of Berkeley spent New Years eve with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White.

Miss Consuelo Howard of San Francisco is a guest at the Belvoir this week.

Edward Grover spent New Years eve in Pleasanton.

Miss Emma Chamberlain of San Jose, with her niece, Miss Margaret Graham of Berkeley, were recent guests at the Belvoir.

Arthur Chapman, Misses Queen MacPherson, Margaret Lynch and Edna Bliss formed a motor party to Hayward Thursday evening.

Mrs. F. R. Dickinson of Santa Clara, with her son, Harold, has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Glover.

Mrs. E. S. Drennan entertained a number of friends at her home New Years eve.

George Pierce, representing the Occidental Insurance Company, who is making his headquarters at the Hotel Wesley, spent a few days in Livermore and Pleasanton last week. The Misses Christensen of Hayward were visiting with Christine Bigelow of Niles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn are planning a visit of a couple of weeks at Pacific Grove.

Miss Amy Blis has been ill for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cobb of San Francisco are spending the week-end with relatives in Niles.

Miss Beindo Galli of San Francisco visited at the home of Miss Bertolozzi the later part of the week.

Mesdames Chittenden, McHugh, Schofield and Meyhew and Miss DeCora were dinner guests on New Years' Day of Mrs. Rose M. Parsons of Santa Clara.

Harry Knight of Gusine visited his friends in Niles Monday.

Miss Consuelo Howard of San Francisco is visiting at the Belvoir for a few days.

Allie Bertolozzi of San Francisco spent the holidays with his parents in Niles.

Miss Mary C. Baria d who has been confined to her room for the past week, has recovered sufficiently to be about again.

Thomas Enos is visiting relatives in Oakland this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy of Berkeley spent the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen (nee Salz) have left Stockton to reside in Benica. Mr. Allen has joined in business with the Sullivan-Salz Tannery there.

The reception and dance given at the club house in Centerville for Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hatch Jr. (who have recently returned from Alaska for a few months visit with their respective families) was a most enjoyable affair. Many of the older set that have been scattered for the last five or six years were together again for the evening and all pronounced it one of the most pleasant they had spent in many years. Mrs. Sadie Jacobus played for the dancing.

Thomas Carroll visited relatives in Niles Sunday night.

Miss May Thremble of San Francisco is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Smith.

Jerome Sharpe has returned to his home in Piedmont after a visit of a week to his grandmother, Mrs. E. P. Chittenden.

Miss Minnie Anderson is visiting her parents at Modesto.

Cyril Williams, civil engineer in charge of the Alameda county water district, was in town yesterday. He was a guest at the Belvoir.

Mrs. G. Sullivan was a San Francisco buyer this week.

Mrs. M. B. Sneden has been on the sick list for several days. She is improving slowly.

Mrs. George West is entertaining her sister, Miss Ethel Lavender.

Mrs. Charles H. Shinn and daughter, Miss Ruth Shinn, of North Folk, came to Niles from their home this week and are with the family of Mrs. L. E. Shinn.

Miss Lillian Rasmussen of Hayward visited friends in Niles last Thursday.

Charles Crommet, formerly of Irvington, who has spent the past six months with the family of P. A. Ellis, left on Tuesday last to make his home in Syracuse, New York.

Mrs. A. I. Simpson is entertaining her daughter Mrs. Hurley of San Francisco.

Dr. Merritt and wife, Dr. Emma Merritt of San Francisco, were guests last Saturday of the Shinn family.

Fritz Wittmeyer of the Essanay

staff was the host to his father and mother and a friend at dinner Thursday.

Niles friends Sunday.

E. D. Brown of Oakland visited his Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fournier, Tuesday December 29, 1914, a daughter.

Miss Dorothy Orpin of San Francisco spent Christmas with her parents.

J. E. Jacobus spent Tuesday in Oakland.

William Moore was in Oakland last Tuesday.

R. Shimer spent New Years with relatives at Burlingame.

Rev. F. V. Jones was a visitor to Oakland Tuesday.

CENTERVILLE NOTES

Christmas Services.

The holiday season has been quite generally observed in this village with public and private functions. On Monday evening, the 21st, at the Presbyterian church the Sunday school scholars and their friends, gathered to celebrate Christmas with singing carols and to welcome Santa Claus. There was a very gay and pretty Christmas tree loaded with novel and useful gifts, which were distributed by Santa Claus in the person of our genial station agent, Mr. Wilson.

The exercises were conducted by Miss Crocker who is home from her duties in the high school at Winters. The primary class gave recitations and a carol, Mr. Ironmonger sang "Nazareth" with fine effect. Coffee chocolate and cake were served to those present, by the Ladies Aid Society.

Catholic Church.

On Christmas day mass was celebrated at the Roman Catholic church at 10:30 a. m.

Episcopal Church.

Sunday after Christmas there was a Christmas service at St. James Episcopal church at 11 a. m. The Rev. Mr. Higby and Porfessor Anderson were in the chancel. The church was very attractively decorated with green and holly berries. The music was good. Mr. Hunt sang "O, Holy Night." There was a good attendance. Monday afternoon the 28th the Sunday school of this church celebrated the Nativity with a short service of scripture reading, prayer, the singing of carols and Mr. Higby told the story of Christmas. Here, too, was the traditional Christmas tree, glittering in beauty, from the branches of which Santa Claus plucked a gift for each one of the scholars and said god-bye until next year. Candy was distributed to all. Miss Jeannette Peterson, the efficient Sunday school organist led the music.

Blacows Gather.

Numerous family trees were had on Christmas eve and dinner parties were in order on Christmas day. At Richard Blacow's there was a tree and a dinner with a large gathering of relatives, 50 or more. Among them were Assessor Horner and Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Blacow's sister, Miss Blanch Blacow of Alameda and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodell of Berkeley.

Fifty-Eighth Christmas.

Mrs. Howard Overacker entertained a dinner party at Sycamore Farm on Christmas. This dinner was the 58th consecutive Christmas that Mrs. Overacker had acted as hostess at a dinner. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Palache of San Francisco and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson of Oakland.

Brief Mention.

Among the teachers who are spending their Christmas recess at home, are the Misses Georgia Ames, Edith, Beatrice and Agnes Lernhart, Louise Hansen and Muriel Plummer. Miss Constance Lewis, Miss Aileen Mickle and Miss Dorothy Plummer of the University of California, will not return to their work until the 11th. Some of the villagers went away for Christmas dinners. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Case went to San Jose for a week. M. L. Mowry and family went to San Francisco, J. C. Mowry and family when to Alameda. The family of Mr. Yates went to Hayward.

Messrs. Blase and Reinerman of Stanford were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Mickle on the 25th, and Sunday. At Mr. and Mrs. Ames the guests over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ames Ulmer and son, of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. C. Ulmer and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ulmer and daughter of Porterville.

Mrs. Antrim Bunting has been the hostess to Miss Helen Cadmon of Oakland last week.

Mrs. Walter Smith gave a very enjoyable party for her daughter Dorothy on the evening of the 23rd and Mr. and Mrs. George P. Lowrie entertained with dancing for their daughter Anna on the 29th.

Miss Louise Smith was the hostess at a New Year's eve party Thursday night.

Mr. Wright returned from Oakland on Tuesday.

The Satterthwaites have returned from their visit to Pacific Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Case are entertaining this week, Mr. Case, Sr., and Mr. Coster from Chico, also Miss Calkins of Oakland.

Miss Rose Armsby is visiting at the home of Mrs. M. L. Mowry this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mowry have as a guest Miss Rose Armsby of San Francisco.

The guests of Dr. and Mrs. Adams E. Nelson and children of Berkeley, and Miss M. L. Smith.

Robert Braden returned from a two month's stay in Denver in time for the holidays. He is much improved in health.

Miss L. M. Smith entertained several friends on New Years eve who watched the old year out and the new one in.

Mrs. William Furtado was the hostess to friends and relatives at a dinner New Year's day.

Tony Rezendez was a visitor in San Francisco Monday.

ALVARADO ADVICES

Russell Robie is back from Santa Maria and expects to remain here permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ford of Alameda spent Christmas at the home of the Ford family on Christmas day.

The Alvarado school opens next Monday.

Among the guests at the Lowrie ranch just out of town on Christmas day, were Mrk and Mrs. N. Ballhache of Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Humphries of Alameda, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dees and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ralph of this place.

Mrs. J. Ralph and Mrs. Dees were visitors in San Jose Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. August May spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. May's mother, Mrs. E. Decoto.

Miss Celeste Bunker returned on Wednesday from San Francisco where she has been since then.

Miss Bunker has been in the hospital for several weeks, having been operated on for appendicitis. Her many friends in Alvarado are glad to see her able to resume her school duties again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lampheer and their daughter, Ruth, of San Anselmo spent a few days at the Richmond home.

Miss Ethel Foley of Napa is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Foley. Miss Foley takes charge of one of the classes in the Napa City schools next Monday.

Wendel La Frenz spent a few days last week with his mother in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Farley and daughter Beryl have been visiting at their Madera ranch this week.

Miss Mavis Scribner went to Centerville Tuesday to attend the party given on New Years day.

The joint installation of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will be held this Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rock of Pleasanton will act as installing officers.

The many friends of Miss Ethel Foley, who has been teaching school near Napa, are congratulating her upon her appointment as teacher of one of the Napa schools.

Mrs. Lampheer and daughter Ruth of San Anselmo are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Maude McCarty spent Thursday in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Perkins of Fresno are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hawey this week.

Miss Ruth Blair is a visitor at the Scribner home this week.

Mrs. S. Aftergut moved onto the Mowry ranch in Irvington Tuesday. Recently sanitary cattle barns have been installt an the place which add greatly to the dairy facilities.

Mrs. S. Aftergut and family and Mrs. Cohen have moved to Irvington this week.

Mrs. August May entertained friends at a New Year's eve gathering.

Miss Helen McCarty is a visitor at the home of her sister in Niles, Mrs. A. J. Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rose, Jr., have returned from San Francisco where they went to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fox of Sacramento are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Long of the Long Syrup Refining company of San Francisco motored down Sunday to spend the day with the Rose family.

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NEWARK NEWS NOTES

Manuel Francis left Wednesday for Sacramento after spending a few days with his folks.

Mrs. James McQuade entertained Miss Ethel Crocker and Walter Bernhard of San Francisco on Christmas day. They motored down from San Francisco.

Miss Carle Martin and family of Niles spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Francis.

Mrs. W. A. Metcalfe was a San Francisco visitor Wednesday. Marvis Scribner was a visitor in Newark Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Delaney of San Francisco spent their Christmas at the Delaney home in Newark.

Miss Lydia Francis and Louise McDougal spent the Christmas holidays with their folks.

Misses Emma and Margaret Wales of San Francisco spent a part of the week at the home of Deputy Sheriff Wales.

Mrs. F. R. Silva and son, Le Vern, motored to Oakland Tuesday.

Jerome Cahill of San Francisco was a Newark visitor last week.

Mrs. William Caldeira and Louise Costa were bay visitors Tuesday.

James Williams spent Christmas in Oakland with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Delany of the city visited Mr. and Mrs. William Metcalf and folks Sunday.

Rod Allen is an Oakland visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nunez and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Nevis of Irvington.

Misses Nille and Winifred Coffney and Mrs. T. Power and Mrs. Cushing of Irvington have been visiting with Mrs. Luis Ruschin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Langebartell spent their Christmas at the Exposition grounds, San Francisco.

Manuel Francis of Sacramento has been the guest of his parents during the holidays.

IRVINGTON ITEMS

Mrs. M. Power and son Lormie, and the Misses Coffany of Oakland came up for the week and spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cushing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furtado of Berkeley were visitors at Irvington during the holidays.

Charles Cutter of San Francisco visited at Albrae Farm Sunday.

I. Whitfield and family of Mission San Jose visited at Albrae Farm on Sunday.

One of the many Christmas reunions that took place in the town ship was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furtado. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Furtado, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Furtado and Mr. and Mrs. William Furtado and four grandchildren. J. Laraje and J. Narcisco were also among the guests.

MISSION ITEMS.

Miss Lucy Rose entertained her friends at her home Christmas eve. Dancing and games were enjoyed during the evening and later a supper was served.

Mrs. Lucy Rose was hostess to her mother, Mrs. Dennis of Oakland for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Judd entertained friends at a party Christmas night.

Misses Lucy and Grace Rose are titing their friends and relatives in Liv.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webber are visiting their friend and relatives in Livermore.

A. F. Burgin has returned from a visit to relatives over Christmas.

R. Bertolacci spent Christmas day at his home in Berkeley.

LADY graduate of music from Europe, will be in Niles to receive pupils for piano at the Wesley Hotel next Wednesday.

In parts of the west where trees are scarce, sage brush is used for fuel. In Nevada the large main stems are trimmed by Indians at \$3.00 a cord and delivered to the user at about \$6.50. Sage brush burns rapidly and is rather dirty, but produces good heat.

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